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32nd ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING IN OAKLAND VOTES TO MOVE BIBLE INSTITUTE

Well over 1,000 attended the four days of Council meeting held the last week of January in First Church, 10th Avenue and East 14th Street, Oakland. They were history-making days for our District, as the ministers and the delegates from the churches of our fellowship gathered together to do the business of our growing organization in this great Pentecostal movement. There were five nights of services together, enjoying the ministry of our General Superintendent, Brother W. R. Steelberg, and four days of business sessions to hear reports of the progress of our work and of the activities of our united efforts, and to consider ways and means to better facilitate our Assemblies of God program in the cause of spreading the full gospel message in Northern California and Nevada.

It was with solemn regret that the body in session heard our Superintendent, Brother W. T. Gaston, announce that 1950 will be his last year to be available to serve in that office. Many are trusting that when another 12 months shall have passed this decision will have been rescinded.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute To Be Moved

The action that possibly drew the most interest was that concerning our District Bible Institute. It was voted to move Glad Tidings Bible Institute from its present location, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco, to the District campground, Bethany Park, near Santa Cruz. Suggested plans for two dormitories to be erected on the campground were outlined, as well as suggestions made for adapting the building now under construction on the hill above the dining hall as administration building and for classrooms, and the finishing of the interior of the dining hall for all-year-round use, as well as for appearance.

Though there was discussion about changing the name of the school, no action was taken, the feeling being that the name it has had through the years should be retained. Before the close of the meeting it was voted to authorize the directorate to take steps to add a fourth year to the curriculum, with the understanding that the present three-year courses will continue to be offered with regular diploma, and that proper certificates will be granted for the additional year's work.

Action was taken to authorize the Superintendent to appoint a committee to formulate building plans, to promote the project through the churches of the District, and to plan the financing of the construction and furnishing of the school buildings. It was provided that the District Bible school board be enlarged to include two lay members. It was also voted to recommend to the churches that

they establish an item in their budgets to be designated as "District Bible School" that they may help in the financing of our Bible Institute.

Constitution and Bylaws Revised

It was voted to accept the work and the recommendations of the committee for revision of the constitution and bylaws, thus accepting the revisions and clarifications, inserting some of the essential resolutions passed in former years in their rightful places, and classifying the others. (The 1950 yearbook, which will be off the press in the spring, will have the revised constitution and bylaws. There is no change in the constitution except at the end regarding amendments, this article being moved to its rightful place from the end of the bylaws.) The classifying of the essential resolutions will provide an easy means of locating rulings on certain subjects and will allow for additions under each heading.

Change in Election of District Presbyters

The first action of the Council session was to change Article 2, Section 2, Paragraph 1 of the bylaws. Preliminary nominations for District presbyters shall be made by each section at a special meeting of the active resident ministers of the section, who shall be members of the Northern California and Nevada District Council, and the delegates regularly elected by the affiliated assemblies of the section. Nomination in the section shall be by secret ballot, the two highest names on the third ballot shall then be submitted to the District Council for election.

Increase in M. B. Benefits

The benefits to be paid at the death of members of the Ministers' Benevolent Fund were increased \$50 in each class, so that now the benefits are: \$175 if death should occur the first year of membership, \$225 during the second year, and \$300 thereafter.

District Sunday School Work

A resolution to provide for sectional Sunday school representatives was discussed but was not adopted. However, one was passed that provides for a committee appointed by the District Superintendent and the Sunday School Representative to counsel with the Representative and to serve as an advisory board, thus helping to share the responsibility and burden of the work of the Sunday School Representative.

W. M. C. Constitution and Bylaws

The constitution and bylaws of the Women's Missionary Council was adopted as submitted by their committee, with the understanding that next year at the District Council any part then thought in need of revision may be considered by the Council body.

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It was voted that the present officers of the W.M.C. be retained another year so that their biennial elections (provided for by the new bylaws) will be scheduled the same as the elections of the District officers.

Mrs. R. J. Thurmond announced that this is the last year that she will serve as Director of the W. M. C. She has been active in the work for the past ten years.

Organizational Revision Considered

It was voted that the Superintendent appoint a governmental efficiency committee to investigate the business procedure of our District and its conventions and to make recommendations for possible improvements that will expedite the transacting of business, and to present its recommendations in time for action to be taken at the next District Council.

The results of the voting on the General presbyters and the District presbyters appear elsewhere.

Sixteen Are Ordained

The ordination service Friday afternoon was solemn and impressive, and hearts were deeply moved as 15 men and one woman were ordained to the ministry by the laying on of hands of the officials and presbytery as prayer was made for each one for the life that lies ahead in the service of our Lord should He tarry. This followed a very timely and inspiring message brought by Pastor N. E. Hinman of Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Pastor R. J. Renfroe gave the charge to the candidates. They stood while he read Acts 13:2, 3; 26:14-18; 1 Cor. 1:27-30; 3:7-10; 1 Tim. 4:8-16; 6:3-21, and 2 Tim. 2:16; 4:1-8.

The auditorium of First Church was filled to capacity each night of the Council.

The Greatest Is Love

By William E. Pickthorn

These are days of the upward look. All over the world intense interest is created afresh in the message of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and intense expectancy fills the hearts of many. To those who are looking, Peter gives a word. He writes: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14).

Signs multiply themselves. Undeniable evidence piles up, pointing to the sure return of Christ. But it is possible to be so engrossed in analyzing the developments, in cataloging the evidence, and in comparing the Scriptures with the news of the day that we miss the more important things.

Peter does not intimate that it is wrong to study the signs of the times. Rather, he says that he has written this second epistle to stir up pure minds by way of remembrance: "That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets." And then he refers to some of the signs of which the prophets spoke: scoffers who deny His coming, men walking in their own ways, willingly ignorant of the evidences of the Word of God. But, having listed these signs, and having reminded the readers of the accuracy with which prophecies of old had been fulfilled, he turned to the future, and said, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

Then, turning to the Christians, Peter adds these significant words: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" Far more important than knowledge of prophecy is a heart that is perfectly cleansed from the taint of this world. Personal holiness of character is the thing that makes ready for His coming. Thus the word of Peter is in season: "Seeing that ye look for such things:"—the perusia of the Christ, and our gathering together unto Him—let us be diligent in preparation for His call.

il. Hundreds joined in song and praise from night to night, enjoying the blessings of the Lord and the good fellowship we have together. Many of his hearers will not soon forget the inspiring messages of Brother W. R. Steelberg.

Back to their churches went ministers and delegates alike, as well as local visitors, feeling that the tie that binds is blessed one indeed. —M. M.

Always, the first point of preparation is in the personal heart life. Here is where Christ must reign supreme. "Keep thy heart with all diligence," we are warned, "for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). But how shall we keep the heart? "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men . . . to the end He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," is the word of Paul in answer to the question. The blameless heart makes ready for Christ's coming. And the blameless heart is the product of love.

Love for Christ is the highest motive in the Christian life. From it will flow love for the saints and for all men—compassionate love for the sinners for whom Jesus died. Nothing short of this will satisfy the heart of the returning Christ, for He said to the Ephesian church, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent" (Rev. 2:4, 5).

What fervent love should burn in our hearts toward Christ! Ours should be a love that would make Him dearer to us than anything else in the world. The bride of the Song of Solomon describes that love, saying, "I found Him whom my soul loveth: I held him and would not let him go." And, as she thinks of his coming, she says again, "I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled." It is unto them that look for Him that He shall appear a second time. How else can we really look except we look in love?

Rebekah was pledged to Isaac even as the church is pledged to Christ. She traveled across the deserts which represent the wastes of this world, guided by the Spirit to the home of her Lord. But before ever she reached His home she saw Him, and the love which had been born at the first invitation burst into flame until she alighted from her camel and ran to meet Him. Thus love in the heart of the Bride of Christ will keep her steadily moving toward Him, and, when He draws near at the time of the rapture, will burst into a flame of glory which will transport her to the skies.

But the love that makes ready is not a love for Christ alone. Paul describes it as love that abounds one toward another. This is love for other members of Christ's body for Christ's sake, and it is listed as

an essential qualification of the heart which will be accounted blameless at His coming.

Love for other members of the church! No matter how unlovely they are, God demands it. No matter what weakness may have caused their feet to stumble; no matter what injury they may have done to you; no matter what reproach they may have brought on the cause of Christ—He demands Love.

Here is a point for serious consideration. Many a testimony which starts out to say, "I love everybody," would have to end, "almost," if we were honest with ourselves. Many a heartbreak in saints that have been criticized would have been prevented had love been offered instead. Many a backslider would still be in the fold had some saint put his arm around him and said, "I love you and want the privilege of praying for you." Offenses certainly must come, but woe to the man by whom they do come. He may not be ready when the Lord calls His own to Himself. It pays to search our hearts. Then God, who knows the heart of every man, will reveal our condition if we will but let Him.

Beyond this, the love that makes ready for our Lord's return is a love for lost mankind. Not only did Paul speak of love that abounds one toward another, but he added the words, "toward all men." This must include the vilest sinner. It must reach men of every religion and creed. It can draw no lines of race or color. Such love will give the Christian a burden for the reaping of the Lord's harvest. It will encompass the missionary fields of the world. It will cause you to pray that the Lord will thrust forth laborers into those fields. And it will reach your pocketbook for the support of the missionaries who already spend themselves in labor. Such love will send you forth into the highways and byways of your community with the message of love, compelling them to come to the Christ who gave His life for them.

Such love can be ours only as we wait in prayer until we catch afresh the vision of the Christ of Calvary. It will manifest itself in the church only when we recognize every Christian as a "son of God" against whom we dare not stand as a judge. It will win the lost only as we are willing to be spent as Christ Himself was spent for the ransom of many.

This love can be nothing short of the love of God, "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Love. Let us wait for His visitation. Let us open our hearts to the love which He desires to give.

If our Father permits a trial to come, it must be because that trial is the best thing that could happen to us; so we should accept it with thanks from His dear hand.

It is with joyful expectancy mingled with a sobering sense of the gravity of the times that I greet the ministers and delegates of this District Council, together with the many friends who have elected to come together for this annual time of fellowship and business for God.

For another year our nation has been blessed with comparative peace and with phenomenal prosperity. Through our government and civilian agencies billions of dollars in money, food and clothing have been poured out to assist the less fortunate peoples of the world. I think this conference should pause to gratefully acknowledge the tender mercies of God to a nation unworthy and too generally unmindful of His great goodness, also to pray for the President and Congress as they hold the destiny of this great nation in hands that are none too steady.

I am not unmindful that our abiding citizenship is in heaven. Our treasure and our chief concerns are there. But we should not get so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly use. We should render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. If this balance is maintained we will manifest a healthy interest in the things of this present life, but our major and absorbing concern will always be the things that are eternal.

I am aware that I have drifted far afield. Nevertheless, I think it might be wise to linger here for a little further emphasis, remembering that religious movements have gravitated from a position and ministry that was distinctively and preeminently spiritual to a semi-religious emphasis that is concerned chiefly with social ethics and sundry problems of this mundane sphere. Only the presence of the blessed Paraclete can save any religious movement from gradual surrender to the pull of this world. As ministers of Christ, we should maintain vigilant watch that the blessed Holy Spirit shall be free and at home in us and in our churches, that it shall ever be ours to have an enlightened understanding of the true position and mission of the church.

The dangers that seemed to threaten the unity and solidarity of our co-operative work a year ago have subsided in great measure, though some of our precious brethren in various parts of the country are still in danger of going all out for an emphasis upon non-essential details that can lead only to confusion and lowered efficiency in the common

task. There is still need for prayerful watching both in the local church and in the general fellowship. Common prudence would dictate that we "follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

A voice of protest should be heard in the land regarding irresponsible patterns for mass appeal that have gained notoriety of late in this country. A poll of this convention would, I believe, find us in substantial agreement that we should avoid contributing to any trends in evangelism where the propaganda pattern is not strictly according to fact, or where the flair for money is inconsistent with our precedents and principles, or where leaders go in for deliberate psychological build-ups that are contrary to the Scriptures and not in keeping with the traditional soundness and good taste of the Assemblies of God fellowship.

While we are thinking of extremes in religious faith and practice, permit me to speak of one that is often overlooked in this connection. I refer to extreme dryness. God has called us into the rain belt. During the first half of this century, copious showers of Latter Rain have brought overflowing victory to millions whose hearts were once parched and dry. The rain brought refreshing and rest. But as in the realm of nature, unless the beneficent showers continue to fall, the fruitful valley may again become a desert. Then, instead of the rest

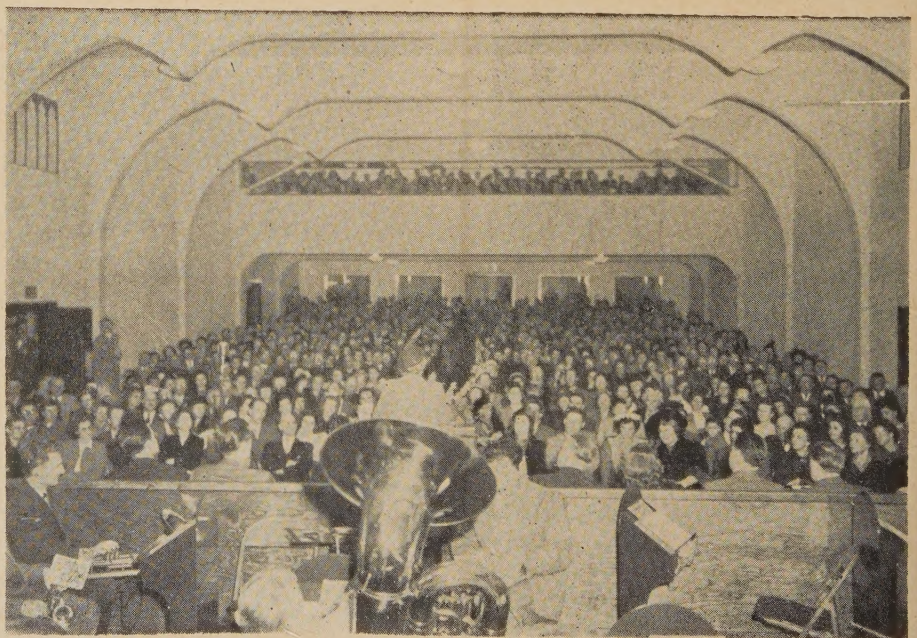
wherewith He causes the weary to rest there will be unrest.

Responsibility for extreme dryness must be assumed by the local pastor and the local church. Other extremes may be imported to plague us, but this one is of our own vintage.

What is the remedy when a dry climate threatens the prosperity and fruitfulness of the flock? The answer is prayer and more prayer. There are no shortcuts. The glory cloud will not blow in from some horizontal direction. The refreshing comes always and only "from the presence of the Lord."

My contacts with the churches during the past year have left in me a deep sense of appreciation of our faithful pastors and evangelists, together with the consecrated army of Christian workers that make up our cherished fellowships. It has been a joy and privilege to minister in the churches and at fellowship services. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the kind and hospitable treatment that has been accorded me in every part of the District.

The year has had its full quota of problems and heartaches, but these are hard to remember because of the great preponderance of good things along the way. Progress has been gradual but general. Some 13 new churches have been dedicated. Improvements and enlargements of facilities in many places stand out to the credit of this growing going church fellowship.



The District Council meeting in Oakland

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THE SECRETARY'S

ANNUAL REPORT

I wish to be entirely realistic in this general appraisal. I am not unmindful of the lack of spiritual or temporal progress in some difficult areas, but the general growth of the work and the general increase in efficiency among the workers is sufficient cause for genuine thanksgiving to our gracious and merciful heavenly Father.

Figures are not available that would enable us to give the District session a comprehensive picture of our contributions to world missions. I sincerely hope that we are on the upgrade here, although the mount of money returned to the District on the world missions plan is some \$1,600 less than in 1948. This could mean, however, that some of the churches neglected to inform the Missions Department in Springfield that they wished their offerings to be used as recommended in the world missions plan.

The pastors and churches of this District are to be commended for their consistency in home missionary support. There was a drop of some \$300 in our fellowship offerings under last year, but when we consider the slight but general decline in business and employment, we are forced to the conclusion that the vision for home missions has not waned. I think, however, that we should fortify our purpose and stimulate the interest along an ever-widening front that more and better work can be done because more workers are given a better opportunity.

We have assisted when and where we could in the building problems of struggling groups of believers, but oftentimes our hearts have been moved by needs when the proverbial cupboard was bare. With all my heart I commend this phase of our co-operative work to the confidence of the stewards of our Lord.

The Bible Institute has fewer students this year. But the faculty and the directorate are not too concerned over this. When President Keyes brought his report from the recent meeting of presidents of Bible institutes, in Springfield, we learned that all the schools are down in their enrollment this year, some of them more than Glad Tidings.

A fine group of students are with us, and good work is being done by the good men and women who, under God, carry the responsibility of teaching and administration. I earnestly solicit your prayers and sympathetic consideration of the school and its problems. Ways

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Membership in our ministerial fellowship at the close of the year totaled 730. This figure includes 424 ordained, 255 licensed, and 51 with exhorter's permits. Of this 730, there are 49 on the missionary list.

We have transferred 34 to other Districts, but we have received 44 by transfer from other Districts. Four of our members let their General Council fellowship lapse. These are M. R. Brunswick, W. E. Keller, Minnie B. Perkins, and Mack D. Parker. Six withdrew from our fellowship; three ordained: M. P. Bohnet, Frances Ferguson, and R. A. Tackett; three licensed: Cyrus A. Bush, Walter Squires, and R. B. West. Three of our brethren, L. C. Persing, Spurgeon Oren, and Frank M. Silva were granted reinstatement of their General Council fellowship. Two have come to us from other organizations by transfer of their ordination status; Elmer J. Sadler and Jean Olive Sadler from the Open Bible Standard Churches.

Mrs. L. J. Moody, Brother T. B. Thompson, R. H. Moon, and G. L. Jones and Sister Ruth Miller were called home by the Lord during the year.

Our records at the end of the year show 175 affiliated churches and 58 associated churches, making a total of 233.

The year has been full of activities in connection with the campground, Bible school, and general District business. The District presbytery met eight times during the year: first at the District Council in Richmond for two sessions in January, then April 6 in San Francisco, three times during the camp meeting at Santa Cruz, once in Seattle with those we could gather together during the General Council, and then on November 14 in San Francisco.

The Glad Tidings Bible Institute board met five times: January 24, February 22, May 11, June 10, and September 20.

The campground committee met January 27, February 2, June 7, July 12, 20, 21, and September 23.

The Home Missions Committee met January 28, during the District Council at Richmond.

The Bible School Relocation Committee met three times for discussion of plans and sites.

Brother Gaston and I have met with the C. A. Counsellors and with the officers of the Bible Institute on several occasions in consultation over the various programs and needs.

It would be too much of a report to

give you details of all these meetings, but I mention these as a matter of record and to give you an idea of the activities of the presbytery and the committees.

There seems to be no place for spare time, for along with ministering in the churches on Sundays and the fellowship meetings on Mondays, there is the office and financial end of the work; so I am indeed grateful for your prayers and the good assistance of Sister Maddocks and also of one of our Bible School students, Eddie Kramer, who assists in the office in the afternoons and also did so at the camp meeting in Santa Cruz.

It has also been another year of good fellowship with Brother Gaston in our counsel and travels together.

I must call your attention to the necessity of keeping your Metropolitan Life Insurance premiums paid up, as we have to pay the company the first of each month. It is very helpful to us if they are paid a year or six months in advance when possible. There are always a number each year who have not co-operated with the District's financial program. Any such are subject to losing their insurance, according to the resolution passed by the District Council. Of our insurance premiums, 59 cents is paid every month for us by the District and General Councils. We are counting on your co-operation so as to save office work and embarrassing correspondence.

There is a real need for a continued united effort in the interest of our District program, as we are carrying a big load, and it is no easy task for our Superintendent and the other officers and presbyters. If all would co-operate faithfully with their half tithe, it would greatly assist us in our responsibilities for our home missions, Bible school, and the campground. The Lord will see us through as we pray, counsel, and co-operate together. The future is as bright as the promises of God. I like this from the Master—"Lo, I am with you always."

I take this opportunity to say let us keep to the old paths—the tried and true. Modern ideas and new-fangled things may have their place in a changing world, but I yet believe Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life, and the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Follow Him and all will be well. To depart from Him will be to walk in our own strength and in darkness. Exalt Him. Lift Him up in your life and services, and you will be blessed and others will be drawn to Him. It is only by the Holy

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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and means must be devised to supplement the ordinary resources of the school if we are to continue this work of faith and labor of love. It is my opinion that it will prove to be the mind of the Lord and the brethren that we, together, find a way.

Our camp activities should continue to hold a large place in our District planning. We are now prepared to accommodate large crowds in comparative comfort, and we know by now that large crowds will avail themselves of these facilities from year to year. The annual camp meeting, followed by girls' camp, boys' camp, and youth camp will give us a long and fruitful summer season that should be reflected in increased spiritual life, along with increased numbers in the churches throughout the year.

When the saints gather for our next annual encampment, if Jesus tarries, they will discover that much money and labor have been invested in the camp property since last year: measures to control the dust situation, concrete floor in the sanctuary, another large building on the hill by the dining hall under way with a roof and concrete floor, buildings painted, grass and shrubs, etc.

A year ago, in my report, I stated that our camp debt was around \$72,000 and that we were still faced with the expense of making a \$10,000 deposit for light and power and installing the water system. This has been done in addition to the improvements outlined above, and our indebtedness now is approximately \$85,000. The District still owns property valued at \$50,000 that is not needed for camp purposes. This, no doubt, will be gradually disposed of and the indebtedness reduced.

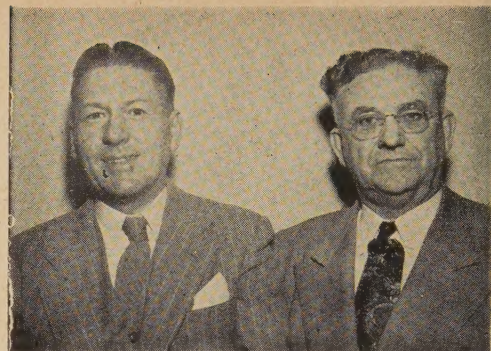
The District work represented by the Women's Missionary Council, the Christ's Ambassadors, the Sunday School Representative, and the Glad Tidings magazine will be brought to the attention of the conference as the session progresses. I only desire at this time to take this opportunity to warmly commend the leadership in these varied lines of endeavor, along with our genial Secretary-Treasurer, to your continued esteem and hearty co-operation.

A year ago it was my full intention to withdraw my name from the list of available men for the office of District Superintendent. This purpose was altered by a petition signed by many of my brother ministers who felt that I could and should render further service. Perhaps these brethren were wrong, but to one who has carried responsibility for many years and is faced with the inevitable decline in the value and appreciation of his contribution, this was most welcome.

Looking toward the future, may I urge that we work while it is day. No doubt

we are in the evening time and the shadows are lengthening. May the Lord of the harvest stir us to redeem the time. I think the fellowship should know in advance that this year of 1950 will conclude my official connection with the District. I covet your prayers and continued patience, not for my sake alone, but in the interest of the kingdom of God. May grace, mercy and peace be with you now and ever.

—W. T. GASTON



L. R. Keys and C. E. Persing, General Presbyters

NEWLY GRANTED CREDENTIALS

Ordinations

Elmer C. Andrews
Edward E. Bodenhofer
Kenneth E. Brown
Ivan Chapman
Marion J. Curtis
Lawrence V. Eck
Glen W. Hannan
Mrs. Goldie Hannan
Earl L. Henderson
Keith J. Hill
I. Phillip Lindvall
Roy L. McRee
Lester D. Peterson
Ernest P. Sjöberg
J. D. Smith
Earl Q. Teal

Ordinations Recognized (from other organizations)

Howard Gandy
Bartley Rush
Nels F. Mattson

Reinstatement to General Council Fellowship

Thomas M. Gray

License to Preach

R. C. Aderholt
W. M. Alexander
James S. Bass
Carl T. Chunn
Maude E. Colter
James F. Durkin
Alfonso A. Fillon
Mrs. Mary K. Fillon
Fred F. Fisher
Dorris R. Flifflet
Emmitt T. Glaze
Gladys S. Heckle
Alfred B. Hendrix
M. Julia Howard
Laura L. Hoxie
W. E. Hubbard
Martin N. Jensen
Harold M. Kahl
Marvin R. Kilgore
Thomas P. Lucey
Andy C. Martindale
Elizabeth Mehringer
Burtha J. Miller
Wilbur S. Miller
Frank J. Morrell
Paul W. Nerger
R. D. Pakorney
Robert W. Rickett

Wesley A. Roberson, Jr.
Velma Sacco
M. Siboyan
Ethel C. Skultety
Donald E. Stanley
Grace E. Swift
Walter L. Trumbo
Winona J. Tussey
Lester R. Wallace
Robert B. Williams
B. Marie Wilson
James E. Wilson
Virginia Lou Wilson
Lester M. York

Christian Workers Certificates

T. A. Beavers
Oscar A. Blakesley
Fred H. Briley
Clifton Brown
Paul E. Chantler
Charley T. Coleman
Lenore E. Davidson
Wesley W. Davidson
Mamie I. Dwillis
Paul M. Flifflet
Iva M. Hall
Melvin E. Harris
August Hoff
Edward V. Huson
E. C. Jones
Dorothy D. Martin
Francis J. Mincks
Roy F. Pennington
Frances E. Robertson
Lorin W. Short
Nathan L. Verley
Melvin W. Walker
R. J. Whitaker

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

6—Alameda, Ripon
13—Eureka, Kelseyville
27—Gridley

MARCH

6—Escalon, Trinidad
13—Point Arena
27—Live Oak, Rio Dell

NEW DISTRICT PRESBYTERY

Redwood Section — N. R. Ingram
 Lake-Mendocino Section — J. R. Edgar
 North Bay Section — J. L. Gerhart
 East Bay Section — E. E. Krostad
 Peninsula Section — R. J. Renfroe
 Coast Counties Section — L. E. Weston
 Shasta Section — A. Rowley
 Sacramento Valley Sec.— C. L. Elmes
 Diablo Section — Wm. R. Porter
 Capital Section — M. L. Crosson
 N. San Joaquin Sec. — O. E. Painter
 S. San Joaquin Sec. — P. R. Ford
 Lassen-Plumas Section — W. C. Ross
 Nevada Section — C. C. Anderson

GENERAL PRESBYTERS

Re-elected to serve another year

C. E. Persing
 L. R. Keys

MISSIONARY GIVING

For Calendar Year 1949

From District and Assemblies Only

Offerings for the year . . .	\$ 89,729.74
Given direct	12,278.53
	\$102,008.27
Total offerings in 1948 . . .	118,579.93
Decrease in 1949	\$ 16,571.66

Ten Leading Assemblies

Sacramento, Bethel	\$9,278.16
Furlock, Bethel	5,780.06
San Francisco, Glad Tidings . . .	5,529.98
Oakland, First Church	5,188.85
Modesto, Bethel	3,423.38
Oakland, Bethel	3,137.04
Berkeley, Assembly of God	2,761.68
Escalon, Assembly of God	2,732.06
Morgan Hill, Full Gospel	2,343.37
Vallejo, Full Gospel	1,639.22

Other churches which contributed over \$1000 are: Dunsmuir Assembly of God, Kerman Grace and Truth Tabernacle, Lodi Glad Tidings Temple, Oakland Calvary Temple, Redwood City Full Gospel Church, San Jose First Assembly of God, Santa Cruz First Assembly of God, Sunnyvale First Assembly of God, Stockton Calvary Tabernacle, Weed Glad Tidings Assembly, and Oakland Bethany Chapel.

Ten Leading Assemblies — Per Capita

Oakland Bethany Chapel	\$54.67
Oakland Bethel Tabernacle	41.82
Berkeley Assembly of God	27.61
Woodland Full Gospel	24.92
Oakland First Church	23.06
Weed Glad Tidings	20.29
Furlock Bethel Temple	19.26
Dunsmuir Assembly of God	18.59
Grass Valley Bethel Church	18.38
Napa	17.21

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Ghost that we can magnify the Lord as He should be magnified. Thank God for Pentecost. May He continue to send the Latter Rain in copious showers upon us, satisfying us and causing us to be as a watered garden with the sweet fragrance that only He can impart.

R. J. THURMOND

Some Light on 1 John 1:9

By J. Narver Gortner

The other night I dreamed a dream. In my dream I was back in that period of history when theft was regarded as a capital offense and was punished by hanging. In those days more than one man was hanged for having stolen as small an article as a loaf of bread. In my dream I was apprised of the fact that a gold chain had been stolen. There was no clue as to the identity of the thief. Suspicion attached itself to no one. But one day a boy about fifteen years of age came forward, and brought the chain with him, and held it up, and said, "I stole it. I have not been able to sleep nights. I have decided to confess my sin, and clear my conscience, and die in peace." At the same time we learned that an old lady was implicated in the crime. Both criminals were seized, and it was believed that the boy would be hanged, but that the old lady would be let off with a prison sentence as she was only indirectly involved in the guilt.

The boy had no money with which to hire an attorney to represent him. So I volunteered to act in the capacity of an attorney. I began to consider what plea to make on his behalf. I decided that it would be useless to try to get him freed by any legal means, as the law was clear, and his guilt was evident for he had confessed it. The law, too, I was aware, made no provision for leniency in the case of a juvenile offender. I decided to base my argument upon the Bible. I concluded to call the attention of the judge to 1 John 1:9, where we read, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I purposed to argue before the judge that a judge who sits upon the bench to mete out judgment here upon earth ought to be as just as the great Judge of all the earth. Here was a boy—just a mere boy—who had sinned, but he had confessed his sin. He did not need to confess it. He could have kept it hidden in his heart. If he had done so he would not have been suspected. But the confession had been made. Surely now he should be, not acquitted, but forgiven. For does the Scripture not say that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins? Where there is honest confession *justice* requires forgiveness, as the text indicates. God forgives because He is *just*. And an earthly judge should be just, and in this case justice requires forgiveness, as the sin has been confessed. The line of argument I had decided upon in my dream seemed to me to be quite convincing, and I was feeling that in all probability I should win my case.

When I awoke I was quite impressed by the experience I had gone through. I

began to inquire, "Is it true that forgiveness is based upon *justice*? Have we not always said that it is based upon mercy, upon grace, and *not* upon justice? Have we not been teaching that justice is inflexible, and that it requires the punishment of sin?"

I turned to the passage in question, and I saw that it appears to teach that forgiveness, when sin is confessed, is based upon justice. Then I turned to the rendering in the Revised Standard Version, and read, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." At first sight I was inclined to think that the thought was the same, but expressed in a little different manner, the difference being insignificant. But, having turned the passage over in my mind, I was led to see what at my first glance I had not seen at all. We do not read in this more recent version that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, but that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and *will* forgive our sins. This forgiveness is not based upon His justice at all. Upon what is it based? The verse in question does not tell us, but the context does tell us. And all passages of Scripture should be studied in connection with their context. The basis of forgiveness is "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son" (verse 7).

It was necessary that Christ die in order that God "might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Romans 3:26. Forgiveness, then, is based upon the atonement that God has made on our behalf, for "without the shedding of blood there is no remission." God's justice demands the punishment of the sinner, but God's grace as evidenced in the gift of His Son demands the forgiveness of the sins of the sinner who confesses his guilt. The divine justice found its satisfaction in the Divine Substitute, Jesus Christ, and so "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and *will* forgive our sins," not because He is just, but in spite of His justice, that justice having been satisfied, so that He can remain "faithful and just," and at the same time, forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John Wanamaker invested large sums of money and made many millions, but the best investment he had made, so he said, was the fifty cents he paid for a New Testament. He became a lover of the Bible, and the Bible became to him the Word of Life.—*Selected*

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They think too little who talk too much.

It was my privilege to be the special speaker for a New Year's night service in Palo Alto at the Glad Tidings Tabernacle. Then on the following Tuesday night we began in a youth revival in Redwood City for a week. Thus my 1950 has begun. Needless to say, it has been a keen thrill to see the Lord work in the lives of our young people. We covet for every one of our groups the spirit of revival which has distinguished the Pentecostal movement. Prayer, a clean life, and zeal for His work make up the formula for receiving God's rich anointing in the Holy Spirit.

The Reflector is in the making and will soon be a reality. This Northern California and Nevada District C. A. yearbook is a new venture for this office. In fact, ours will be the first district to have such an annual publication. At the time of this writing we are far enough into the compiling of pictures and features for *The Reflector* to be assured of its beauty and interest. Pictures have come in to an extent that we actually have more than we can use. We are doing our best, however, to squeeze them all in anyway.

Every church in this district will receive a small quantity of *Reflectors*. You may sell them immediately to your group for 35 cents per copy. This price just covers the costs of printing and mailing; so as soon as you sell them send the money in to Keith Hill. If you need more than we send you, write to me and we will rush them to you as long as our limited supply lasts. If you cannot sell all that we send you, please write to me

Nervous Pictures (Movies)

By Medora Combs Rogers

"They think it strange that ye run not with them." 1 Peter 4:1-4.

Our challenge for today is: "Are the movies a menace? What effect does the modern motion picture have upon our entire society? Why can't a born again Christian partake of this form of entertainment?"

According to the July 1948 issue of the *Coronet*, 33,000,000 individuals under 21 go to the movies weekly.

As we place the movie, its characters, and titles on trial we must show you its fallacy.

In the first place the cinema and "its way of life" has become an enemy of the Christian church, the Christian home, and Christian education by tearing down the godly standards and principals that our forefathers established. They have become a gigantic force propelled by greed and lusts, preying upon humanity to gain their filthy money. They give entertainment, pleasure and thrills loaded with corrupt lives of its actors and actresses who have desecrated the sacred law of marriage by their multi-divorces,

telling me how many you have left over setting up before the public demi-gods upon thrones of wickedness. 1 Tim. 6:9—"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

At one time within our state there was an enforced "blue law" which closed the doors of the theatre and any other social game that took from the people their day of worship to God. But not so now. The operators of filmdom had to have more money, so they infringed upon this right until they are trying to take up all the people's time within the cinema, and it has become the people's churches of worship, schools of education, pastime for recreation, and their center of social entertainment.

Millions of dollars are poured into the hands of the theatre magnates, making them and their actors the highest salaried personnel on any pay roll.

Over two-thirds of the stars and workers, from the greatest to the least, have wrecked and broken homes, troubled lives and troubled hearts. They have broken down the marriage vow until modesty is no longer held in esteem.

They have been made idols of the screen. IDOLS, IDOLS, HEROES of the American people until they have

Do not send them back until we advise you to do so.

Brother Wes, Brother Keith, and Yours Truly join in saying we hope you enjoy *The Reflector*!



ABOVE: Dick Fulmer prepares to turn the panel discussion at the Stockton convention over to William Pickthorn, the moderator. Ready for their part in the discussion are J. L. Gerhart, Madera Rogers, and Nelson Hinman.

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MEET THESE C. A.'s

their pictures on their walls, on dressing tables, carry them in their wallets, lending such influence that they set the pace in style, make-up, talk and actions. If a "star" wears it or if a "star" does it, it becomes a standard for the public to mimic.

Certainly one remembers best what he sees. So—if a star smokes, drinks, steals another's fiance, breaks up a home, the public justifies it because their *idol* did it.

In a picture this idol may be seen scantily dressed in an illicit love scene full of immorality. They can play the harlot, dress up their sin, and the criminal goes free. Shown in detail, robbery or crime becomes attractive. No longer is the American public shocked at the triangle love affair and infidelity of husband and wife portrayed on the screen. God save America! Either the intelligence of the American populace is insulted or America has degraded such as to tolerate the modern picture of today. I quote Mr. L. Summerall, "Sin in satin is just as horrible as sin in rags."

What is her influence? Plenty.

I charge the movie as responsible for a misconception of real society, real love, and a real home. I charge the movie as the cause of many broken hearts and wrecked marriages, until in Hollywood two out of every three marriages end in divorce. What is the reason? The movie has presented an unreal domestic life, making married life seem glamorous, then real-life wives are often disappointed in what they find. According to a New York psychologist, Alfred E. Johns, who specializes in patching up broken homes, "Husbands just don't make love the way the screen heroes do. Everybody's rich in the movies, or gets rich. Wives start nagging their husbands if they too don't get rich."

Mr. Johns further states, "Things are getting worse on the matrimonial front." He has found a direct relationship between the number of divorces and the number of movies persons go to see. Movies and novels never give a realistic approach to marriage. "They make life glamorous, and glamour may be good for the eye but it is very bad for the mind." (Oakland Tribune 1949).

The movie influence has assumed a dictatorship over manners, morals, standards and tastes, mode of dress, speech and conduct of the American people.

No wonder we have delinquents—the movie has become the all-day recreation for many children. Mother, who has her all-day bridge or a secret rendezvous with another man, sends sonny with a sandwich in his pocket to spend all day sitting in the darkness when he is en-



C. A. Choir of Redwood City Full Gospel church.

titled to God's fresh air, sunshine and play. Here he learns to pick a lock, to rob and steal, and to shoot a gun to murder. If a minister is portrayed at all, he looks like a silly puppet and a weakling without strength—just a nobody without any influence. Then mother stuffs sonny full of vitamins and cod liver oil to keep him from having the rickets so that the school system won't investigate his abnormal living.

The movie is loaded with pictures of vice, liquor, cigarettes, cruelty, crime, and sex, until they are corrupting the morals of our children and youth and instill in their minds more within a few visits to them than all the Sunday schools are able to make them forget. They dress up immorality and play on the emotions until losing one's virtue doesn't even look like sin.

(To be continued)

The Sunday morning service shows the popularity of the church; the Sunday evening service shows the popularity of the preacher; the prayer meeting shows the popularity of the Lord.

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For Speed-the-Light in 1949. To all the C. A.'s of this district we say congratulations for a job well done. We were second only to the Oregon District, which led the nation with a total of \$16,855.81.

INTRODUCING . . .



M. A. Caudill, the sectional chairman of Nevada, began his ministry in 1941. His first task was to pioneer the work in Sonora, California. In April 1946 he started the work in Chester, building a church and parsonage while there. He has now been in Carson City, the capital of Nevada, for over a year. They have a thriving congregation that will soon begin a building program. Brother Caudill says, "The Lord is blessing in a big way. His Spirit is with us in every service."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

L. W. SUTER, District Sunday School Representative
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Report to the District Council

In the beginning of my report I would like to offer praise unto the Lord for His bountiful blessings upon the work. Reports have come from all sections of the District telling of the moving of the Spirit in the Sunday schools, of souls being saved, lives consecrated to God, and workers accepting the challenge of the task that lies before us. All praise be unto Him, "who is rich in mercy" and "hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ."

National Convention

The last part of the month of February, Sister Suter and I left for Springfield, Missouri, to attend the 7th National Sunday School Convention. It was my privilege to take part in the all-day sessions of the District Sunday School Representatives' meeting on the fourth and fifth of March, just preceeding the convention. Many things of importance were discussed in relation to our Sunday School work over the nation. The convention proved to be a real blessing to over 6,000 people who were in all or part of the meetings.

Training Courses

In our District work, I have conducted training courses for seven of our churches and have issued a total of 154 certificates to those who met the requirements set up for such training. We tried a new experiment in the Redwood section in the month of May. Folk from the various churches of the section met together in Fortuna for a concentrated training course. We had three sessions each day over a period of three days. The Lord was in our midst in a glorious way, touching hearts until praises unto Him were heard all over the building again and again, and the tears flowed freely down many a cheek. This experiment far surpassed anything that we had anticipated.

Conferences

I have conducted a large number of conferences in the local churches where again the Lord moved. It has been thrilling to see the faces of many light up as they received a new vision of the work of the Lord.

Our camp meeting gave us a heavy schedule. Sister Suter and her helpers conducted Junior Church services each morning and twice on Saturday and Sunday. They also provided supervised recreation each afternoon for the boys and girls. I had the responsibility of setting up the Sunday school for the three Sun-

days of the camp. This was no small task. Then each afternoon during the week I conducted a training course for those who wanted to avail themselves of the opportunity of training.

Boys' and Girls' Camp

One of the outstanding features of our District program this year was the boys' and girls' camp. We hardly knew what to expect in the way of attendance since this was the first camp of this nature to be held in the district. The Boys' and Girls' Camp Committee met for two days during the first part of April. Together we planned the schedule of activities for the camp, the course of study, and chose the camp evangelist. Plans were made to accommodate 200 boys and girls in this first camp. A lot of work went into the preparation of the camp, and when registration day arrived 400 boys and girls were there to register. This was twice the number that we had planned for. Needless to say, we had our hands full getting such a large group fitted into the organization of the camp, but the Lord helped us in a marvelous way and by Tuesday morning everything began to work smoothly. We had a large staff of counselors, who took charge of their respective groups so that each boy and girl was under the supervision of someone at all times. Our teachers did a grand job in presenting the course of study in the morning classes. The members of the camp committee were a great help as they headed the various departments of the camp. The objective of every worker was to glorify the Lord and make the camp a success.

J. Raymond Ton, who is the District Sunday School Representative of the Southern California District, was our camp evangelist. He was the man of God's own choosing for this camp. The Lord's seal of approval was made manifest night after night as the Spirit of the Lord moved through the congregation of boys and girls that were gathered in the tabernacle for the evening rally. On the second night of the camp 27 boys and girls marched down the aisle and knelt at the altar for salvation. Some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit that night. One night seven intermediate boys and girls received the baptism as well as a number of juniors. When we checked with the counselors at the close of the camp we found that approximately 60 had been gloriously saved and 30 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah! I would like to take a moment here to express my appreciation for Brother Ton's ministry. The heart of

every boy and girl was stirred with the good, solid, heart-searching, and souls-stirring messages that he gave each night. I also appreciate the way he worked in the prayer room with those who were tarrying for the baptism. Some nights both he and Sister Ton were there praying with those who were hungry for the infilling of the Spirit until one and two o'clock in the morning.

In my traveling over the District I have yet to find a single boy or girl who has not expressed desire to attend next year, and many voluntarily said that the only fault that they could find with the camp was that it was too short.

Due to the crowded conditions last year we are going to be forced to make two camps out of it this year. We are making plans to have a girls' camp from July 17 through July 21 and a boys' camp from July 24 through July 28. Pray with us that the Lord will give us another mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit this year.

Sunday School Rallies

Another thing that has become a part of our District program is the Sunday school rallies. The first one was held in the Napa Assembly for the North Bay section on October 31. The church was filled with folk who were anticipating a glorious rally, and they were not disappointed. Some special features were presented in the first part of the service and then Brother Raymond Ton, who was coming up for another meeting, was the speaker for this rally. God spoke to us, and many hearts were melted as the challenge was presented, and the tears flowed freely. Another rally was held in the 6th and G Tabernacle in Modesto, where 500 people crowded into the building. The third rally was held at Bella Vista for the Diablo section, with the church again filled to capacity. The last rally was the second to be held in the North Bay section. The Santa Rosa church was host, and the folk, remembering the first rally three months before, began to crowd into the building

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until almost all available space was taken with extra chairs. Approximately 400 people were in attendance. Brother Paul Copeland, the promotional director of our National Sunday School Department, was the speaker. These rallies are meeting the cry in the hearts of our people, and I am looking for a real forward move in our Sunday schools during this coming year as a result of them. I would like to see these rallies held in each section once each quarter.

Sunday School Reports

Reports have come to our office from 161 of our 228 schools. The Diablo and the Lassen-Plumas sections were the first two sections where every church sent in a report. The North Bay Section only lacked one report. These reports have been encouraging as we are able to see an effort on the part of many to put their schools on a better foundation by organizing them properly. In grading these reports we find that we had 18 Gold Crown schools, 22 Scarlet Cross schools, 38 Blue Shield schools, and 83 Open Bible schools.

These reports show that 114 of the schools reporting held a total number of 725 teachers and officers meetings. Fifty of our schools conducted a training course for their workers during this last year, issuing a total of 645 certificates. However, this coming year promises to be the greatest year we have had in our training work. In one section only two churches had a training course last year. Already this year there are 11 churches in this section who have already had or are planning on having a training course. If the rest of our District follows the pattern set by this one section, we will have a tremendous increase in our training program. As to the number of souls saved, these 161 schools report that a total of 2,005 souls have found the Lord through the work of our Sunday schools.

Looking over the reports again to see what our attendance is, we find that these 161 schools have a membership of 17,838 pupils and the total average attendance is 14,271 pupils. Thus our schools have an average membership of 110 members per school and the average attendance is 89 pupils per school. The average attendance of our schools over the nation is approximately 70, so our schools are above the average by quite a lot. If we can use these reports as a gauge for the schools that didn't send in a report, our figures will show that all our schools in the District had a total membership of 25,262 and an average attendance of 20,243 pupils.

Home Department

Forty-four of these schools have an organized home department that has been ministering to 412 folk who, for various reasons, could not attend Sunday school. If all our schools would organize a home department and do the same amount of work that these 44

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One day a company of French people were asked why they went to hear Fletcher preach when they could not understand a word he spoke. They answered, "We go to look upon His face, for heaven seems to beam from his countenance." His words were living sparks rushing from the furnace of divine love that glowed in his heart.

"Fletcher was a saint, as unearthly a being as could tread the earth," says Isaac Taylor, one of his contemporaries. "I conceive Fletcher to be the most holy man who has been upon the earth since the apostolic age," declared Dr. Dixon, one of the great Methodist preachers of Fletcher's day. John Wesley considered Fletcher the most unblameable man he had found in his lifetime.

Accounts of Fletcher's conversion to Christ are gleaned from his letters and diary. Through a vivid dream concerning the final judgment, Fletcher was first aroused to see the condition of his heart. For some days after having this dream he was so harassed in his mind he could not apply himself to the things of this life. About this time he was told about the "Methodists," a people who did "nothing but pray" and that they were "praying all day and all night."

Fletcher set out to find the Methodists. After hearing them he became convinced that some inward change was necessary to make him happy.

God opened his eyes to his sinfulness. Still he went on sinning and repenting, and sinning and repenting again, calling upon God's mercy through Christ.

"I began to write a confession of my sins, misery, helplessness, together with a resolution to seek Christ, even unto death." Thus he began to fast and pray but as he sought the Lord he was sorely tempted and almost gave up in despair. However, Fletcher persevered and in a night of prayer opened his Bible to these words, "Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He will not suffer the righteous to be moved." Filled with joy he fell on his knees and asked the Lord that he might always cast his burden on Him. Taking his Bible again, his eyes fell on these words, "I will be with thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." These promises greatly increased his hope. Before the morning dawned after that night of seeking God, his eyes were again drawn to still another promise in the Word, "Whatever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it." Thereupon he asked for perseverance and grace to serve God till death.

His widow after his death wrote, "I have heard him speak concerning this time. He still pleaded with the Lord to take fuller possession of his heart and to give a fuller manifestation of His love." Thus his soul was freed. He be-

gan to breathe the air of heaven. Sin was beneath his feet. From that time on he walked in the paths of God, making it a rule of his life to sit up two whole nights a week for reading the Bible, prayer and meditation.

Fletcher taught that the day of Pentecost was the opening of the dispensation of the Spirit and he insisted that believers now are called upon to prove the same baptismal fire. He also taught that the latter day glory should far exceed the first effusion of the Spirit. "Seeing that they on the day of Pentecost, bare witness to the grace of our Lord, so shall we, and like them spread the flame of love."

It is recorded at one time in the midst of singing a hymn he stopped and cried, "O to be filled with the Holy Ghost! I want to be filled! O, my friends, let us wrestle for a more abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit! . . . Jesus is my Prophet, Priest and King—my indwelling holiness—my all in all. I wait for the fulfillment of our Lord's prayer, 'That all may be one, as Thou, Father art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, and that they may be one, even as we are one.' O for that baptismal flame! O for the fullness of the dispensation of the Holy Ghost! Pray for this. Pray for the gift of utterance to confess your royal Master. A man without gifts is like a king in disguise. He appears as a subject only. You are kings and priests unto God! Put on, therefore your robes, and wear on your garter, Holiness to the Lord!

"Come! Jesus is offered to thee as a perfect Saviour. Take Him, and He will make thee a perfect saint. O ye half-believer, which of these will you hide in your bosom? Shall it be anger, pride, self-will, or accursed unbelief? O be no longer befooled! Bring these enemies to thy Lord, and let Him slay them."

Fletcher was famous for his gentleness. Yet he was so passionate by nature that he often pleaded and prayed the whole night to get victory over his temper and sometimes lay prone upon the floor in an agony of grief as he pleaded with God for victory. Wesley writes of him, "For twenty years and upwards before his death, no one ever saw him out of temper, or heard him utter a rash expression on any provocation whatever."

Commenting on the Lord's promise in Joel to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, John Fletcher said: "A blessed promise this, of which our Lord gave in earnest on the day of Pentecost, when He sent a glorious shower on His little vineyard, a pledge of the mighty rivers of righteousness which will by and by cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

—Herald of His Coming

Here and There

Albert J. Lebeck, Field Reporter

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BURLINGAME—Brother Albert E. Pickthorn has resigned as pastor. During his years of ministry much work has been done in the interior of the fine building that was newly acquired at the time he began his ministry in Burlingame. Two comfortable apartments have been built. Serving as living quarters now, these can be made into additional Sunday school rooms when further growth demands and the means permit.

CERES—Brother Orville Painter, formerly pastor of the Assembly of God, 6th and G Streets, Modesto, has been chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother T. W. Carlton.

COVELO—Sister Bernice Mast, together with Sister Oleta Webb, is serving as pastor of the church there, succeeding Brother and Sister F. T. Alford.

CUPERTINO—Pastor James C. Merwin reports: "Evangelist Jack White filled in during our vacation from September 5 to October 4. Brother White's ministry was surely blessed of the Lord to our people's edification and enjoyment, and he has made many good friends in our assembly. Brother Claude Wood was with us from December 28 to 31. The sick were healed, two were saved, and the church was blessed and set on fire. We are awaiting Brother Wood's return in February."

FAIRFIELD—Pastor Carl R. Tucker reports: "As we look back on the past year we are thankful that around 50 souls have been saved here and about 20 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during the year."

GILROY—Pastor J. W. Belchar writes: "Evangelist Claude O. Wood held a very successful meeting here December 1 to 15. The church was revived, a number sought the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many definite healings took place. Brother Wood has a vital message for the church."

GUSTINE—Brother Dan E. Flaming has resigned as pastor, effective the latter part of March. Evangelist and Mrs. W. R. Lamb held a campaign there in January.

HAYWARD—Pastor E. G. Eskelin has resigned to return to the evangelistic field. His successor is Kenneth M. Haystead, who has been holding evangelistic meetings in the District for several months since his return from Canada.

HOOPA—Jack Colas has resigned as pastor, closing his ministry there December 26. Brother C. F. Rowe has resumed the pastorate.

MADERA—The new pastor, succeeding Brother Coy H. Nicholson, is Brother Gobel Lawrence.

MARYSVILLE—Pastor Gobel Lawrence has resigned to go to Madera to serve as pastor of the Pentecostal Tabernacle, Riverside and North D Streets. W. E. Hubbard is the new pastor.

MODESTO (Airport)—Pastor Ernest M. Adams reported early in January: "We are in a great revival with E. E. Baker from Oklahoma as the evangelist. We wish to report a wonderful meeting we had in November. Our own local preacher Evange-

list J. D. Smith preached for two weeks. Souls were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Then Brother C. E. Shields and Brother Frank J. Wagner continued for two weeks with great results. Our church was encouraged to press on for the Lord, and every department of the church and Sunday school was built up. For this we thank the Lord."

MT. SHASTA—Walter Boring has taken over the work there, succeeding Brother and Sister Fred Reichert, formerly members of this District, who were there for a few months, but who have returned to Southern California.

NEWARK—It is agreed that one of the biggest affairs that the community of Newark has ever had was the dedication of the new church on January 9. Pastor Henry C. Vancil reports that they have been about three years in erecting the new building, with about 90 per cent donated labor and some donated material. More than 500 people attended, including some of the town's officials and professional and business people, as well as out-of-town guests, some from as far as Fresno. With extra seats brought in to add to the regular seating capacity of 300, there was seating accommodation for 460, and from 50 to 75 stood through the evening service. Brother A. E. Gunter of San Luis Obispo was the speaker in the afternoon service. Brother Gaston was the speaker for the evening service. The East Bay fellowship meeting was held in Newark that day so friends from nearby churches could join in the dedication observance. The ladies of the church served dinner to more than 200 guests after the afternoon service. Evangelists Ruth and Eddie Washington began a campaign there January 17.

NORTH SACRAMENTO—The Capital section fellowship meeting was held in Faith Tabernacle January 9. There were three services: at noon, at three o'clock, and at seven thirty. Evangelist S. A. Merrill of Los Angeles, then conducting a revival campaign there with Pastor S. F. Hutchinson, was the evening speaker.

PITTSBURG—Brother Andy Martindale from Modesto is the new pastor, succeeding Brother H. T. Langley. He is carrying on the building program that has been under way for some time.

PORTOLA—Evangelist Z. P. Miller held a good campaign the first two weeks of January despite the severe weather. The pastors, Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw write: "His ministry was a blessing, and attendance was very good until the roads became almost impassable. Folk came out every night, however, even in the snow storms, when we didn't expect anyone."

REDDING—Brother Harold Byram has been chosen to be the new pastor.

RENO—A joint fellowship of the Lassen-Plumas and the Nevada districts was held there January 2. In spite of the storms there was a good crowd so that the church was almost filled. Many were at the altar at the close of the service. The following day Pastor H. W. Brown left for his new charge in Baker, Oregon.

RIVERBANK—Brother Douglas H. Cooksey has resigned as pastor. He has served the church there for some years, during which time the congregation and Sunday school has enjoyed very good growth, and the building has been enlarged and greatly improved.

ROSEVILLE—Evangelist Stanley MacPherson and party, which includes the Robert Fergusons, held a good revival campaign with Pastor R. A. Wilson in January.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel)—Brother Watson Argue was there January 11 and showed pictures he took while in Europe. His service was touching, and a real missionary spirit prevailed. The missionary offering taken amounted to \$700. The City Auditorium has been engaged for a number of Sunday evenings throughout the year. The pastor is Nelson E. Hinman.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel)—The congregation recently enjoyed the ministry of Brother Rein Seehuus for several weeks. There were good crowds and good responses. The pastor is Charles G. Weston.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson held a good campaign for two weeks in January for Pastor L. R. Keys. The temple auditorium is being renovated, the front being remodeled to accommodate a new baptistry.

SAN FRANCISCO (Sunset)—Evangelists Holmes and Jackson held a good campaign for three weeks in January in the new church at Moraga Street and 21st Avenue. Paul Belchar is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA (Wright District)—Pastor Viola Griggs reports during the meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Whitlock of Southern California: "Four have been saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost, and our little building has been crowded to capacity."

SUNNYVALE—Mark A. Hinman has been chosen to be the new pastor. He began his ministry there January 24.

SUSANVILLE—The Lassen-Plumas fellowship meeting was held there December 16, with a good crowd in attendance. Brother Thurmond spoke in the afternoon, and Brother Gaston was the evening speaker. The credentials committee was meeting in Susanville that day also. The pastor is K. B. Carney. Sister Carney writes: "We were very glad to have the auditorium interior

decoration completed, thanks to the many faithful ones who gave of their support and services. In addition to the 200 used theatre seats (seats were reconditioned by the W. M. C.), our men plastered the walls; new drapes were hung, floors were sanded and refinished; both upstairs and downstairs were lined with sheetrock; and a new basement entrance was made. The four rooms on the back of the church, the parsonage, have been completely plastered, redecorated, and new floors have been laid. That which has made our hearts rejoice most is the fact that somewhere between 20 and 30 souls have been born into the kingdom of God, several reclaimed, refilled, and some added to the church. A spirit of continuous revival has been growing. For this we are most thankful to the Lord."

VALLEJO (North)—About 20 were at the altar for salvation during the meetings Evangelist John Smith held with Pastor Roy Whitt in January.

PERSONAL MENTION

Evangelist J. W. STOVALL was in a campaign in Buhl, Idaho, during December.

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DAVID VON ROTZ, organist at the Neighborhood Church in Oakland, has recently been made its Director of Religious Education, as well as full-time superintendent of the Sunday school.

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E. W. Willoughby, Jr., of the Texas District is open for meetings. His address is 480 Capp Street, San Francisco.

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Evangelist Claude O. Wood may be reached by writing him at 117 Tantan Street, Loree Estates, Cupertino, Calif.

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NELS LIEN closed his ministry as assistant pastor of Bethel church in Modesto, January 15. He and Viola Tacker were joined in marriage November 6 in Bethel with a beautiful service conducted by Pastor D. G. Weston. The Liens are entering the evangelistic field.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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schools are doing, they could minister to 2,134 souls who cannot come to Sunday school or church and consequently are not getting the gospel.

Cradle Roll Department

One hundred five of these schools also have an organized Cradle Roll Department that has been ministering to a total of 1,869 children from the time of birth until they are four years of age. If all our schools would use the open door of opportunity which is provided by the cradle roll department, they could minister to 4,161 children.

Brethren, these things stir my heart. The cradle roll department was organized to carry the gospel, not only to these small children but to their brothers, sis-

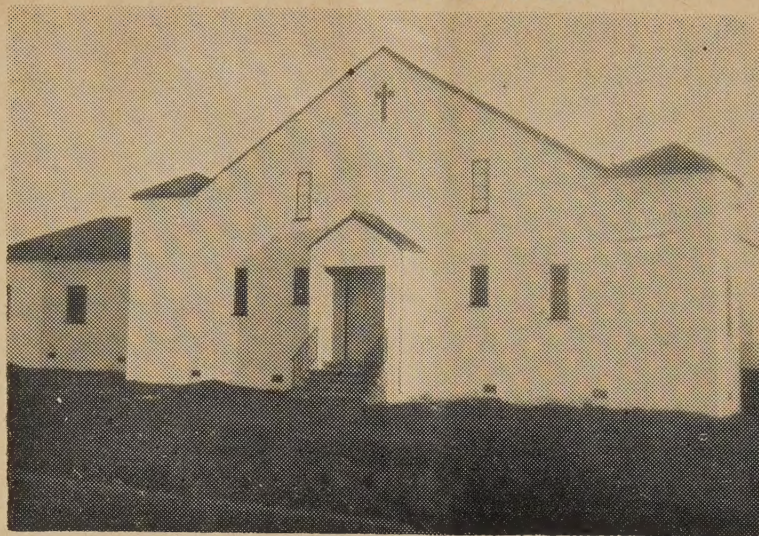
ters and parents as well. We cannot minister to a small child without having the opportunity of ministering to the other members of the family. If we could minister to 4,161 small children, we would also have the privilege of ministering to approximately 8,000 parents and another 4,000 brothers and sisters. Thus the cradle roll department alone would be able to minister to 16,000 people in our District. May the Lord give us a vision such as we have never had before.

Sunday School Department

The churches and pastors are realizing more and more the value of the Sunday school department. Calls have come in from all parts of the District for help in the way of information, conferences, consultation, etc., until our hearts almost break as we realize that it is physically impossible for us to meet the demand. Last May the North Bay section elected Brother Lawrence Anderson to serve as Sectional Sunday School Representative. Brother Anderson has been a tremendous help in bearing the burden of the work in that section. While I was pastoring in the state of Iowa, I had the privilege of serving as one of the first Sectional Sunday School Representatives in the Assemblies of God. I realize from my own experience the value of a man in each section to help us promote the work of the department as well as helping us keep in contact with all our 228 schools.

Realizing the need of help, I have been talking with Brother Gaston concerning this matter. He has given me some valuable advice, which I appreciate from the depths of my heart. As a result of these conferences with him, I would like to recommend to this District Council that whatever action is necessary be taken to give us a man in each section of our district, who will

NEW CHURCH IN NEWARK



The new building is on Thornton Avenue and Birch Road. In addition to the auditorium, which seats 300, there are eight Sunday school rooms, prayer room and balcony, as well as church office, S. S. office, ladies' lounge and nursery. Henry C. Vancil is the pastor and builder.

help us meet the needs of the work. I would like to bring these men in to a central location and conduct a training school for them for one week. After being in such a training school, they will be in a position to be of much greater help to their sections. They would serve their section in somewhat the same manner as the sectional leaders of the Christ Ambassadors department and the Women's Missionary Council.

Another thing that I would like to bring to your attention is that the work of forming the policies and planning the program for the work of the Sunday school department of the District is too much responsibility to rest on the shoulders of one man. The Scripture tells us that "in the multitude of counselors there is safety" and also that "in the multitude of counselors purposes are established." I feel that we need a small group of men, whom we can call together as the need arises, who would serve as an advisory committee to the District Sunday School Representative. I recommend that the proper authority be given to the District Superintendent and the District Sunday School Representative to appoint such a committee. This committee should then be ratified by the District presbytery to make their appointment final. The term of office should continue from the date of appointment to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the District Council.

Even though the responsibility has been great, it has been a real privilege to serve this District as your Sunday School Representative.

L. W. SUTER.

We cannot help the past, but we do not have to repeat it.

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Small deeds done are greater than great deeds planned.

Women's Missionary Council

Director's Report Given at District Council

Nineteen hundred and forty-nine has been a fruitful year for the Women's Missionary Council of our District. It closes a decade of active, helpful service to pastors and churches, as well as to home and foreign missionaries.

At our last District Council, a resolution was passed which provided for the election of District Women's Missionary Council officers by the District Council. A committee has been working on a constitution and bylaws, which will be printed in a handbook for use by the various churches. I appreciate the help and advice of Sister Minogue, our secretary-treasurer, the good work of the sectional directors, and of those who worked with Sister Rogers on the special committee.

Sectional rallies in the District more than doubled those held last year. More and more pastors are attending and even acknowledging, though possibly reluctantly, that they are enjoying them. We do not have an exact record, but we roughly estimate that there are about 100 active Women's Missionary Councils in the District.

A number of interesting projects were undertaken during the year. These included supplying 30 dormitory curtains, 36 quilts and dishtowels for Bethel Bible Institute, together with bedroom and kitchen curtains, drapes and household articles for the missionaries' home in Manila, Philippine Islands. Orphanages at home and abroad were supplied with new and used baby and children's clothing. One group, composed of young married women, supplied each of the little girls of home in our District with two lovely print dresses. A group of Christ's Ambassador girls are "Cheer-Bringers" in one San Joaquin Valley Women's Missionary Council.

The five Vigna children, attending Monte Vista Christian school, were "adopted" by various W.M.C.'s and were

remembered at Christmas. Brother Vigna is on the Tibetan border, and their mother is ill in a hospital. Dozens of jars of fruit, jam and jellies supplied by various W.M.C.'s at camp meeting time were given out to Christian workers and missionaries. The Hollister W.M.C. took advantage of fresh fruit that was free for the picking, and willing hands prepared it at the community cannery, with the reward of over 100 cans for the missionaries. This group also prepared pounds of dried fruit, which has been a blessing to many. The Capital section is taking as its project an orphanage in Hawaii. Lovely cotton dresses, children's clothing and other articles have been made.

A project that the District W.M.C. as a whole has participated in was that of supplying Christmas gifts for more than 75 children of foreign missionaries.

The children in the Sunday schools of the Indian churches at Hoopa, Weitchpec, Somes Bar, Clear Creek, and Covelo were remembered with gifts, as also were the home missionaries and Christian workers in many of the smaller churches in the District. It was the first Christmas for one little boy and girl, six years old, at Somes Bar. There were 90 out to the Christmas program, and the pastor writes: "With so many and so much drinking going on around here, it must have been an answer to prayer that no one came to church drunk." By dividing toys sent for their own children, and buying hair oil and handkerchiefs to supplement what came in, the workers at Weitchpec were able to give gifts to all their Sunday school children. The Covelo worker received only one box for her Sunday school, but it took care of the needs.

Agnes Rodli and Mildred James, former home missionaries themselves, now teaching and working for the Lord in Alaska, write: "Thanks to several WMC



W. M. C. OFFICERS. Left, Miss Marion Minogue, pastor of the Hollister church, Secretary-Treasurer; right, Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, director.

groups the 20 children at Nikolai enjoyed their first Christmas. We gave out the toys and candy (one group sent print dresses for our little girls) and everyone was simply thrilled and smiling for joy. They are otherwise usually very expressionless."

Pledges amounting to \$150, taken at our last January meetings, and \$50 pledged at camp meeting brought blessing to Clear Creek, Lower Lake, Hoopa, and Lovelock, Nevada, by providing necessary repairs and comfort in the parsonages. A designated check for \$50 purchased a hot water tank for one station; a wood stove with coils for hot water was provided for another; a piano was given to the W.M.C. and is now in the reception room at Glad Tidings Bible Institute.

Lumber for six display tables, six large screens, and ten display boards was purchased from the W.M.C. fund and built by Brother Dodson, and two brethren from the Hollister church. They were filled and refilled with lovely things as the many boxes were packed for foreign and home missionaries during the weeks of camp. Missionaries who have received gifts from the W. M. C. this year include Brother Harold Headrick of Hawaii; Sister Ruth Couchman of Peru, who took with her gifts for the Feltons, the Triemstras, and the Walter Ericksons; Brother and Sister Ralph Williams of El Salvador; Brother and Sister H. L. Griffin of Africa; Emma Decker, Brother and Sister Bard, Brother and Sister Kehr, who have all returned from China and are now going as missionaries to Europe; Sister Helen Gustafson and Brother and Sister W. W. Simpson from China; Sister Constance Eady from India; Elsie Simpkins from Hawaii; the Devin family from Indonesia; Brother and Sister Harold Lehmann and their families, all of whom are returning to Africa as the Lord permits.

Relief work has been carried on during the year by individual groups sending direct or to Church World Service. A letter of appreciation was received from Brother Emil Humburg, Bremen, Germany, for the \$1,046.49 shipment of canned corned beef sent early this year.



The Vigna children and their Christmas packages at Monte Vista Christian school in Watsonville. Left to right are: Sammy, Johnnie, Miriam, and Eleanor. Chester was away when picture was taken.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute

On The Air

- KGO, 810 kc. 50,000 watts, San Francisco
Glad Tidings of the Air, Pastor L. R. Keys
Sunday, 10:45 to 11:15 p. m.
Music under direction of Gaylord Atwell
- KSAN, 1450 kc. San Francisco
Bethel Church, Pastor Charles G. Weston
Sunday 8:30 to 9:00 a. m.
- KWBR, 1310 kc. Richmond (direct from church)
Full Gospel Assembly, Pastor C. E. Persing
Sunday 3:30 to 4:00 p. m.
- KCRA, Sacramento, Bethel Temple, Pastor Nelson Hinman
9:30 a. m. — Monday through Friday "The Voice of Bethel."
- KXOA, Sacramento, Bethel Temple, Sunday, 5:00 p. m.
"Sermons in Song."
- KTRB, 860 kc. Modesto (direct from church)
Bethel Full Gospel Church, Pastor D. G. Weston
Saturday 9:00 a. m. Devotional Hour
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 10:30 p. m.
Organ Concert
- KTRB, 860 kc. Modesto
Escalon Assembly of God, Pastor Wesley P. Steelberg
Tuesday 9:00 a. m., "Escalon Echoes"
- KVBA, 1600 kc. Yuba City
Live Oak Assembly of God, Pastor B. H. Givens
Sunday 1:00 p. m. Young Peoples' C. A. Group
- KDON, 1400 kc. Santa Cruz
Assembly of God, Pastor R. P. Murray
Sunday 5:30 to 6:00 p. m. "Music With a Message"
- KTUR, 1390 kc. Turlock
Bethel Temple, Pastor R. Carrington
Saturday 7:00 p. m. "Your Victory Hour"
- KIEM, 1480 kc. Eureka
Pentecostal Tabernacle, Pastor Clarence J. Larson
Saturday 7:16 p. m. "The Good News Program"
- KSRO, 1550 kc. Santa Rosa
Sebastopol Assembly of God, Pastor J. L. Jeffrey
Sunday 8:00 to 8:30 a. m.
- KWBR, 1310 kc. Oakland
Hayward Bethel Church, Pastor E. G. Eskelin
Sunday 5:00 to 5:15 p. m.
- KDON, 1400 kc. Salinas
Calvary Evangelistic Church, Pastor J. R. Vest
Sunday 9 to 9:30 a. m. "The Voice of Calvary"
- KTRB, 860 kc. Modesto, KTRB-FM
Assembly of God, 6th and G Streets
Pastor Orville Painter
Sunday 4:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Thursday 9:00 to 9:15 a. m.
- KTRB, 860 kc. Modesto
Ceres Glad Tidings Church
Pastor Truman W. Carlton
Sunday 5:00 p. m.
- KWBR, 1310 kc. Oakland
Concord Revival Hour, Pastor E. J. Naef
Sunday 4:30 to 4:45 p. m.
- KSAN, 1450 kc. San Francisco
Daly City Assembly of God
Pastor Melvin Steward
Saturday 9:30 to 10:00 p. m.

NEW ARRIVAL

The music director of G.T.B.I. is hearing a new sound these days. It's his daughter, Marlene Louise, born January 16. Brother and Sister Mark Bell are the happy parents.

TEACHING THEM ALL THINGS

The story is told of a man who was teaching his wife to drive the car. He got her in the driver's seat and said: "Now you just turn the hickey over, pull on the jigger, push down on the jim-crack, then press down on the do-dad with your foot and pull the thingamabob at the same time. When it starts push down the dofunny and yank the uptididdy and then let up on the foot dingus, put your other foot on the hicky-madoodle and don't forget to push down on the hootenanny. See?"

That reminds us of the way some people explain the Bible. Let us be clear and explicit in our teaching and preaching—especially in explaining the way of life, for so much depends upon it.

—The Sunshine Bulletin

STUDENTS APPRECIATE

Not so very long ago, letters were sent out to the churches of the District soliciting food for the school. Even before this plea was made generally, the Santa Cruz church (R. P. Murray is pastor) contributed a good amount of food. After other churches knew of the need, several responded generously. The first church to respond was Sunset Assembly of God in San Francisco of which Paul Belchar is pastor. Others soon followed: the Berkeley assembly; Morgan Hill assembly, E. E. Stump, pastor; Live Oak assembly, B. H. Givens, pastor; Chico church, Richard Orchard, pastor; and Gridley assembly, Charles Elmes, pastor.

We students want to thank all of these friends for this thoughtfulness and generosity and we want to let you know we appreciate your kindness. We are sure the Lord will bless you in this ministry, for we know that you are doing it as unto Him.

—MARY HEALEY

THE ANNUAL

The usual routine of school has been somewhat disrupted recently by snapping cameras. The yearbook staff is industriously composing the *Tidings of '50*. It promises to be a volume unsurpassed in the history of G.T.B.I. To complete it a superbly beautifully embossed cover has been selected by the staff.

Orders are being received now. Do you know of a young person who is considering Bible school? Why not order one for him, together with your own copy?

There are now 20 organized District W.M.C.'s, and the work of the women is gaining interest through the good reports of enthusiastic missionaries who have been recipients of gifts on the field and at home.

Last month in *Glad Tidings* there appeared an article by Brother Gortner entitled "I Sat Where They Sat," taken from Ezekiel 3:15. I would like to borrow the thought and apply it to our women's work. If we will sit where the missionaries sit and work, we will understand better their many needs and be more faithful in praying for them, in giving, and in encouraging them with the work of our hands.

We praise God for the good work that was done in 1949. We trust that more churches will come to realize the benefits of a good W. M. C.

MRS. R. J. THURMOND

The bigger a man's head is, the easier it is to fill his shoes.—Caldwell

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Conscience warns us as a friend before it punishes as a judge.

CHURCHES HELP OUT

Glad Tidings Bible Institute is the District's own. A good cross section of the District is represented in the student body by C. A.'s who have left their home congregations to study God's Word.

Some of these assemblies have not only sent their young people to school, but they are also helping them through financially. For instance, the Redding Assembly two years ago organized to support its young people. It now has what it calls the Foundation Fund, which is a fund set aside to help ease the pressure of the bills of their students as the needs present themselves. They also took up a special offering recently and sent \$190 to the school to be proportionally put against the young people's bills.

The Berkeley Assembly of God is supporting a missionary's son. Mrs. Eleanor M. Johnson is the pastor in Berkeley. In the Oregon District, the Sutherlin church (Rev. Ray is the pastor) has guaranteed the support of one of its eight students. The others are self-supporting.

Is your church represented in the student body of G.T.B.I.? Have you, individually or as a church, taken interest in your Bible school students? By having your pastor or church secretary write to the school you may obtain a report of the financial status of your students. If there are no young people from your church here at school and you desire to help put a student through school, we will send you the name of a worthy student. God will bless you for what you do to help.

—FRANK MAPES

This was distributed to Pentecostal people. Sister Lydia Smith, who has joined her husband, Chaplain Frank Smith, in Germany, writes regarding the clothing sent for distribution among the Youth for Christ, from Garberville, Tulalake, Alameda, and Hollister: "Every shoe and every garment was received with such joy and happiness, I only wish you could have seen and heard them." Some of the things were sent to refugee children and displaced persons. We trust there will be a good response to the call for used clothing for Brother and Sister Kehr to take with them to Europe. They will be in charge of the distribution themselves. Clothing can be sent to Rev. Albert Kehr, c/o First Assemblies of God Church, 10th Avenue and East 14th Street, Oakland, California, through the month of February only.

Of special interest to me personally was the trip to General Council at Seattle. This was made possible by an offering of \$50 from the W.M.C. fund to help toward expenses. It was inspiring to meet the missionaries and to hear of the activities of the women over the nation.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Organized Crime Threatens Society

Virgil W. Peterson is director of the Chicago Crime Commission, an unofficial body organized to direct the fight against the corrupt and corrupting influences of underworld rackets and racketeers in the political life of that great city.

In a recent public address he warned against the dangers of public indifference to or toleration of law-defying activities which furnish meat, drink and luxurious living without work for an increasing number of anti social and criminal characters.

He said the chief sources of this unearned income are gambling, prostitution and narcotics, and of these gambling easily leads. This is the goose which really lays the golden egg for the racketeers.

Peterson warned that letting these racketeering activities flourish in defiance of the law is tantamount to an open invitation to the underworld to become entrenched and exert its control over law-enforcement personnel and its policies. Wherever this happens, the underworld influence on law-enforcement personnel never is content to confine itself solely to the rackets in which it is principally interested.

These racketeers try to purchase respectability or seek to justify a continuation of their unlawful acts by diverting a portion of their loot into honorable channels. Wherever racketeers and gangsters are able to flout decency and still achieve respectability, society is in a process of deterioration.

Peterson's long and intimate contact with the war on organized crime in Chicago is assurance that he knows whereof he speaks. So it is impressive to hear him say further: "Organized crime is only one of the multitudinous problems confronting the chief executive of the modern American city. But none is more important. It strikes at the very roots of democratic institutions and saps the moral fiber of the people. Here is one evil whose extirpation is a challenge alike to good citizenship and good government everywhere."

Hearing Through Finger Tips

You can hear through your finger tips with an amazing invention described by Dr. Norbert Wiener, famous mathematician. This hearing aid, after more work, will likely be a glove worn on the left hand. It takes the sounds of speech from the air and transforms them into tiny electrical shocks on the fingers. The

shocks travel along the nerves to the brain to tell you what someone is saying. With his fingers acting as ears, even a blind, deaf mute learned to speak. A microphone picks up the spoken sounds. It does not have to pick up much of them, for the brain actually receives only one-tenth or one-hundredth of the sounds which reach the ear. The spoken sounds picked up by the mike are split into five frequency bands or pitches, with one going to each of the five fingers. On each finger is an electrode and the incoming messages give little electric shocks to the nerve endings in the skin of each finger. These shocks have to be strong enough to be felt but not strong enough to be painful. Vibrators could be used instead of the shocks, but they need heavier batteries. Each finger carries one of the five pitches of sound to the brain in its own kind of telegraphic code. With training, a person can learn what these shocks are, pulses meaning sounds; but the learning is very hard.

Uranium Cost Equal To That of Coal

One of the first great steps toward atomic power for peacetime use, namely getting the cost of uranium fuel down about equal to that of coal, was reported at the opening general meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The new uranium fuel cost is between \$10,000 and \$25,000 a pound, which is equivalent to coal at about \$10 a ton. The equivalence is due to the fact that one pound of uranium-235—the atomic fuel—contains as much heat as 2,000 tons of coal. The price was given by Dr. John R. Dunning, Columbia University physicist, one of the head scientists in sponsoring the Oak Ridge, Tenn., wartime vast U-shaped factory which produces uranium-235 by a process known as gaseous diffusion. Although this wartime plant is the biggest single production structure in the world, the United States Atomic Energy Commission since has built a second diffusion uranium-235 building at Oak Ridge. The buildings now number more than 70, each big enough to house several football fields. It is a trip of 20 miles merely to walk past the panels of automatic instruments which control this uranium process.

Education in Militant Atheism

The Soviet Journal of Science and Life says many people in Russia continue to believe in God. It calls for education of the masses in the spirit of militant atheism. The journal, organ of the All Union Society for the Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge, declares the struggles

against religious prejudices is one of the forms of the struggle for Communism. An article by F. M. Oleshchuk asserts, however, that antireligious propaganda must strive at convincing the masses by remaking their consciousness and not by compulsions or prohibitions. He says administrative measures to curtail religious thought would be harmful. He adds that it would be a big mistake to consider that all is up with religion in Russia, for even among the youth there can be found churchgoers.

New Way to Make Rain

Development of a successful new artificial rain making method through the use of silver iodide smoke dispensers is claimed by Dr. Irving P. Krick, celebrated meteorologist at California Institute of Technology, and now head of the American Institute of Aerological Research. Dr. Krick has made known results of large rain making tests in Arizona and has expressed conviction that the method could have prevented New York City's current water shortage. He said that the new technique, which employs mobile silver iodide dispensers situated on the ground and works like a chimney, quadrupled the rainfall in a small area in Arizona during a two-year period.

Window in Sky

A window in the northern sky which reveals hitherto undreamed-of vastness in the universe was described to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of Harvard Observatory. The window is the bowl of the Big Dipper, the constellation whose two outer corner stars point to the North Star. The bowl is a rectangle clearly marked by four stars. Space is more transparent behind this bowl than in much of the sky, there being less dust and gas to interfere with seeing. Dr. Shapley said that Harvard telescopes have sighted 1,500 galaxies through the bowl. Galaxy is the name for a collection of stars like the Milky Way, each one a family of many millions of stars. The 1,500 were seen in small telescopes. The new 200-inch telescope at Mount Palomar would be able to see probably 1,000,000 galaxies through the same window. This means if the great telescope had time to scan the complete heavens, it would show 1,500,000,000 galaxies. If ownership of stars could be divided equally among every human being now alive, each of us would own more than 100,000,000 stars.

God opens the door of salvation to everybody, but He doesn't drive us through it.

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The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.